

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1077

Approved by the Governor April 10, 2012

Introduced by Howard, 9; Harr, 8; Lathrop, 12; McGill, 26; Mello, 5; Nordquist, 7; Sullivan, 41; Wallman, 30.

FOR AN ACT relating to the Health Care Facility Licensure Act; to amend section 71-401, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2011; to require certain facilities to offer vaccinations as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 71-401, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2011, is amended to read:

71-401 Sections 71-401 to 71-467 and section 2 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Health Care Facility Licensure Act.

Sec. 2. In order to prevent, detect, and control pneumonia and influenza outbreaks in Nebraska, each general acute hospital, intermediate care facility, nursing facility, and skilled nursing facility shall annually, beginning no later than October 1 and ending on the following April 1 when no national vaccine shortage exists, offer onsite vaccinations for influenza and pneumococcal disease to all residents and to all inpatients prior to discharge, pursuant to procedures of the facility and in accordance with the recommendations of the advisory committee on immunization practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States Public Health Service of the United States Department of Health and Human Services as the recommendations existed on January 1, 2012. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require any facility listed in this section to cover the cost of a vaccination provided pursuant to this section.

Sec. 3. Original section 71-401, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2011, is repealed.